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Project Report: University of Hawaii Facilities Infrastructure

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Project Progress

The University of Hawaii, as part of its cost-sharing commitment to the NAI, agreed to provide space on campus for our proposed "Water-Hole," the shared office space facility for the core group of team postdocs. In addition to this collaborative space, lab and desk space will be made available in individual departments where their research is most closely related. After considerable negotiations, space was made available in the Physical Sciences building on campus, which is centrally located amongst all the departments which house our team co-ls. The rooms were not in very good condition, and after further negotiation, the University has committed additional funds (\$5K) for their renovation, and worked on an accelerated schedule to have the rooms ready by July, 2004. The construction work has been completed, and we are proceeding with carpet, furniture, and computer equipment procurement so that the facility will be completed by August, 2004 when most of the postdocs will arrive. The University has been very supportive of this program and very responsive to our needs, with the Assistant Vice President for Research and Graduate Education personally overseeing the acquisition and renovation of space.

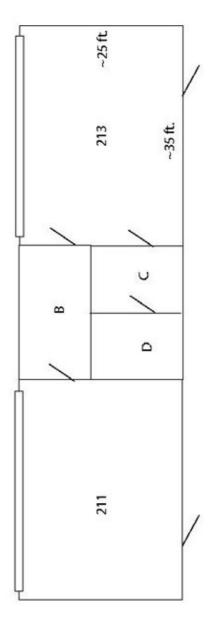


Figure 1. Office Suite layout in the Physical Sciences Building at the University of Hawaii. The postdocs will have office space in Room 213, room B will be a library / lounge, rooms C and D, which are old dark rooms may be converted for some small wet–lab work, and room 211 will be the UH NAI seminar / meeting and classroom for graduate seminars.

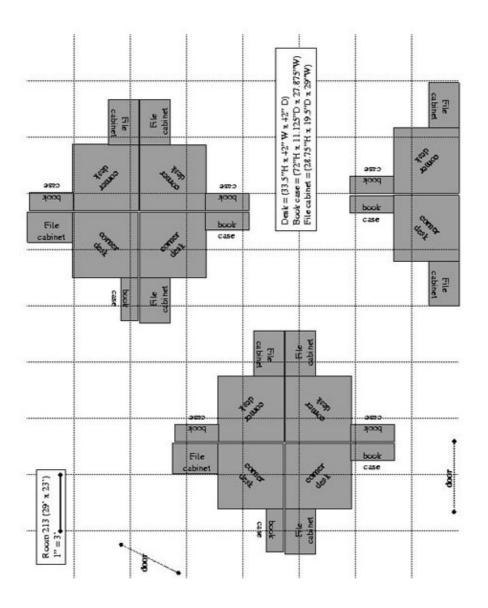


Figure 2. Office space layout for UH NAI postdoc room 213. Set up is for 10 postdocs in total.

Highlights

- Acquisition of approximately 1800 sq. ft. of centrally located campus space for our postdoctoral "Water Hole" (office area and meeting facilities).
- Major renovations on the room are complete, and the procurement has begun for carpeting, furniture, and computer equipment.